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SETTING UP OF HEADQUARTERS OF EAST COAST RAILWAY .
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Railways have received any request from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for setting up of the headquarters of the East Coast Railway at Visakhapatnam; and

(b) If so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) No, Sir. However, demand has been received from Members of Parliament (MPs) of Andhra Pradesh for setting up of headquarters of the East Coast Railway at Visakhapatnam.

(b) The location of headquarters office of a Zonal Railway is decided on the basis of operational and administrative requirements consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency and not on regional considerations. Moreover, the shifting of a well established office of East Coast Railway from Bhubaneswar to Visakhapatnam will involve large scale transfer of staff resulting in dislocation of their family set-up and other allied problems. In view of these, there is no need for shifting of Railway Zonal Office of East Coast Railway from Bhubaneswar to Visakhapatnam.